



## HEADLINE NEWS

### TWINING RETURNS TO KENTUCKY

**Twining** (Forty Niner--Courtly Dee, by Never Bend) will return to Kentucky for the 2002 breeding season. The 10-year-old stallion, sold to East Stud in Hokkaido, Japan prior to the 2000 breeding season, will stand at Wimbledon Farm near Lexington, Kentucky. Twining began his stud career at Wimbledon in 1995. From four crops to race, Twining has sired 13 stakes winners, including graded winners **Two Item Limit** and **Tugger**. The deal to repatriate the winner of the 1994 Gil Peter Pan and Gil Withers S. was brokered by Wimbledon and Coolmore Stud. "We are very excited to bring Twining back for 2002 after the hugely successful year his progeny have enjoyed," said Wimbledon spokesman George Hoskins. "Twining's return is a wonderful Christmas present for the U.S. Thoroughbred breeder." Twining remains the property of East Stud and will stand the 2002 season for a fee of \$10,000 live foal guaranteed, payable Nov. 1.

### DOLLAR BILL BACK ON WORK TAB

**Dollar Bill** (Peaks and Valleys), sidelined since a third-place finish in the GI Travers S., returned to the track Saturday with a three-furlong work in :38 at Fair Grounds. "This was just the first test to be sure everything's okay," trainer Dallas Stewart told the *Daily Racing Form*. Stewart hopes Dollar Bill will make his return to the races in the Feb. 10 Whirlaway H. in New Orleans. After the Travers, Dollar Bill had surgery to remove a bone chip. A veteran of all three Triple Crown races, the three-year-old captured the 2000 Gil Brown and Williamson Kentucky Jockey Club S. and this year's Risen Star S. On the board in seven of 12 starts, he has won three races and earned \$673,696.

### DETTORI BLAMED FOR HONG KONG LOSS

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum blamed **Ekraar** (Red Ransom)'s narrow loss in Sunday's G1 Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin on jockey Frankie Dettori, according to the *Khaleej Times*. In the race, Godolphin's Ekraar took a five-length lead into the stretch, but was caught by **Stay Gold (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence) at the wire. "Dettori didn't handle the horse properly in the final meters," the sheikh told reporters at Seih Assalam Endurance Village Wednesday. Sheikh Hamdan, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and the UAE Minister of Finance and Industry, also blamed Dettori for **Sakhee** (Bahri)'s loss to **Tiznow** (Cee's Tizzy) in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Sheikh Hamdan added that Sakhee and GI Champion S. winner **Nayef** (Gulch) will run in the Maktoum Challenge and, based on those results, a decision will be made on which races the pair will run in on the Mar. 23 Dubai World Cup card. "We will try to find out the most suitable races for the two horses when they take part in the Maktoum Challenge," he explained. The three-race Maktoum challenge begins with a one-mile Group 3 event on Jan. 17. The second race, also a Group 3, will be run over nine furlongs on Feb. 7 and the series concludes with a Group 2 10-furlong event Feb. 28. All three races are run over the Nad al Sheba dirt track.

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### UPCOMING GRADED RACES

Saturday, December 22

LADIES H.-GIII, Aqueduct, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4m

Wednesday, December 26

MALIBU S.-GI, Santa Anita, 3yo, 7f

Saturday, December 29

LA BREA S.-GI, Santa Anita, 3yo, f, 7f  
LA PREVOYANTE H.-GII, Calder, 3yo/up, f/m, 12fT  
W.L. MC KNIGHT H.-GII, Calder, 3yo/up, 12fT  
GALLANT FOX H.-GIII, Aqueduct, 3yo/up, 13f  
CHAPOSA SPRINGS H.-GIII, Calder, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f  
FRED W HOOPER H.-GIII, Calder, 3yo/up, 9f



### REMINDER:

Due to the Christmas holiday, the TDN office will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25.

There will be **NO** newsletter for Tuesday, December 25

or Wednesday, December 26.

All news and results from Dec. 24 and 25 will appear in the Thursday, December 27 issue.

*Averages 5 Stakes Horses and  
\$1.9 Million in Earnings Per Crop*  
**Sultry Song** by COX'S RIDGE \$7,500



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